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Thank You, to our most recent contributors:

Marion Abbott
Sal Ferrante
Joseph Neary
Jacqueline Todaro

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Bethpage Chapter 2017 Calendar

All membership luncheon-meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise noted), at the Crest Hollow CC.

September 27
luncheon / meeting

October 23 *Monday,*
Retiree Club 50th Anniversary Celebration
***at* the Cradle of Aviation.**
Reservation form: page11

November 14 *Tuesday*
luncheon / meeting

December 13 – Holiday Luncheon

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Bethpage Chapter

We hope that everyone has had a very safe, pleasant, and enjoyable Summer. While the Bethpage Chapter did not have meetings in either July or August, the 50th Anniversary Committee has been hard at work making plans and preparations for our Anniversary Celebration. Information concerning the event, and a reservation form, are contained in this Newsletter. [See pages 1 & 11.] We look forward to seeing many of you at our very special, once-in-a-lifetime celebration. The event will feature a live band, so dust off your dancing shoes and come have a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Anniversary Committee is trying to gather nostalgic pictures of retirees, retiree events, and celebrations to be included in a CD which will be given to all who attend the celebration. So, look through those drawers at home, and if you have any pictures that we could use, dust them off and mail them to the Club office. Please identify the year of the event and the names of anyone in the picture. **Time is short: Please mail your photos to the Club no later than September 22.**

Northrop Grumman's Bethpage site hosted its annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon on August 9th. Several club members attended the event and all attending enjoyed a delicious bar-b-que while listening to live music. Thank You, Northrop Grumman, for the invitation.

Birthdays:

Gerry Alchus (97), Frank Carroll (85), Frank Rizzo (84), Bob Ripp (77),Tony Marbino (70),

Angela Sakellarides (86), Sal Sakellarides (89).

Happy Birthday all.

Anniversary Celebrants:

Evelyn & Dick Ferry, 49 years;

Angela & Sal Sakellarides, 65 years.

Congratulations.

Get Well Wishes:

Jim Eng, John Vosilla.

We Hope You Both Get Well Quickly.

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Important Reminders

- **Next Meeting: Sept 27**, at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Guest speaker will be Ed Carr, Director, Maritime Services, Town of Huntington. He will speak on *The Hapless Lexington* (a ship that sank in Long Island Sound)
- We look forward seeing many members, both local and off- site, at the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

By: Lou Kubat, Sec'y.

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CALIFORNIA / Golden West

Meeting Schedule:
September 12,
October 10, November 14, and December 12.

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CALIFORNIA / San Diego

On Sept 23, from 11 to 2, we will return to Hilltop Park in Rancho Penasquitos for our annual picnic.

We're planning our Christmas luncheon for December 14, at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant.

By: Bill Roeckl, Sec'y. [billroeckl@cox.net]

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FLORIDA / First Coast

Hello, Fellow Retirees, from Florida/First Coast.

We hope you have had a safe and fun Summer. We've had the Summer off, and now we are looking forward to restarting our meeting schedule.

Luncheon dates for the fall months are:
September19
October 17 (picnic at Treaty Park in St. Augustine),
November 21, and December 12.

All meetings, other than the picnic, will take place at Noontime and will be held at Ichiban Buffet on US-1, in St. Augustine.

By: Steve Cacace, Sec'y. [sremkkc@comcast.net]

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FLORIDA / Manasota West

Next Meeting will be held on October 11, at Noon, at the Pier 22 restaurant in Bradenton, FL.

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FLORIDA / SouthWest

Chapter is on Summer Break.

Next Meeting: October 10, at the Golden Corral in Punta Gorda.

Final meeting of the year will be on November 14.

Clem Moors, President [clemtony@juno.com]
Linda Baldwin, Sec'y. [lsbaldwin48@gmail.com]

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FLORIDA / Space Coast

From Bob Prais, President, Space Coast Chapter:

We have been fortunate lately to have had several great speakers. Our April 2017 meeting featured Royce Grones, who commanded the first J-Stars aircraft in Operation Desert Storm. Royce's recount of that mission was fascinating. Two months later, we were blessed to hear the intriguing account of Darrell Davis' 30-hour successful flight to Kosovo and back, in a B-2 bomber.

These outstanding meetings were brought about with the help of Liz Story, Manager of Opportunity Assessment, Global Strategy & Mission Solutions at the Northrop Grumman Melbourne Facility. Liz asked if she could assist us in our efforts to recruit new members for our Club. This opened a new door for our Club.

We formed a new team of Bill & Camille Steenson, Don Powell, and me. We met with Liz and developed an action plan to present to the Northrop Grumman Management Club at their next Forum, on August 30th. Don, Bill, and Camille developed PR literature, flyers, and posters, many of which have already

been distributed to common areas across the Melbourne Facility campus. At our September meeting, we will report on our progress in this vital campaign to recruit members from the next generation of retirees.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2017

Meeting Schedule: 10/18, 11/15 and 12/13

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FLORIDA / Suncoast

Next Meeting: October 18
Following Meeting: December 20.

By: Patricia Newark, Sec'y.
[727-360-7339;
lionpattysecretary@yahoo.com]

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FLORIDA / Treasure Coast

The Chapter did not meet in June, July, and August.

There will be a new location for our meetings. The new location is currently TBD.

By: Janet Cuce

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GEORGIA / Peach Pit

July/August 2017 Recess Notes

1.July Happy Birthday wishes are extended to: Gloria Griffin [18th], Jesse Griffin [22nd], Patsy Potter [13th], and Kathy Willis [14th].

2.There are no July Anniversary wishes to report.

3. August Happy Birthday wishes are extended to: Herman Archer [13th], and Pam McCabe [23rd].

4. .August Anniversary wishes go to: Paul & Barbara Bernichon [23rd], Tom [Vince] & Jennifer McNeese [6th], and Earl & Penny Seagle [26th].

In memoriam: Grummanitte Ellis Schilling passed away on June 28, 2017 in Milledgeville, GA. Former Milledgeville Site Manager Tom Lahey passed away on July 9, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Also, the previously reported passing, in the Club's Newsletter, of Herb J. Estes in Sarasota, FL is repeated, in these notes, because he was a long-term employee at the Milledgeville Site before retiring to Sarasota, Florida.

Ellis, Tom, and Herb are in our prayers and our condolences are extended to their families.

Community Service:
a. Educational/Scholastic Donations were made to Georgia College & State University [GC&SU] and to Central Georgia Technical College [CGTC], on Independence Day, July 4, 2017.

b. A Philanthropic Donation will be made to the Oconee Regional Medical Foundation [ORMF] on Katrina Day of Remembrance, August 25, 2017.

c. Volunteerism continues as members and spouses aide various causes including donating Pints of Blood/Platelets.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2017, at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant on Garrett Way, Milledgeville, Ga. starting at 12:30PM.

By: Lew M. Iuliucci, Sec'y.
[iuliucci@windstream.net; 478-452-1357]

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Maryland / Glen Arm

Our next Quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 19 (the **third** Tuesday), at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral in the White Marsh / Fullerton area. The Golden Corral is located at 7908 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21236. (Same place as the last meeting.)

Remember, the club is always looking to recruit new members, if any current member knows of fellow

Grummanites who are not members, but would like to be, please pass on our Club contact info.

If you have any suggestions, Ideas, or questions, please present them at the meeting or contact President: Rick Swinder [410-977-7829 or rickswinder@gmail.com].

By: Joe Svach, Sec'y.

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New England North

No report of Chapter activity.

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NEW YORK
Eastern Long Island Chapter

Our Summer hiatus ends and meetings resume on September 20th,

Hope everyone had a Happy & Healthy Summer! Hope you enjoyed the Solar Eclipse, too!

All July, August, and September Birthdays and Anniversaries were listed in the July Newsletter (If any were missed or listed incorrectly, contact Bob Albert at 631-585-7987).

Attention Ticket Holders for the Retiree Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration, at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, on October 23: If you need transportation, let Bert Moller know by the Sept. 20th meeting so arrangements can be made (we need 22 folks for a minibus).

To report any deaths, illnesses, etc. contact Bill Mytko (1-864-225-4927; ermytko@yahoo.com)

Next Meeting: Sept 20, at the Coram Diner (Route 25 & Route 112, in Coram, NY). Lunch ($15) at Noon; Meeting to follow.

Future Meetings: 10/18 and 11/15

By Bob Albert 631-585-7987

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NORTH CAROLINA
Eastern Carolina Chapter

No meetings in July and August.
Next Meeting: September 12,
at "Famous" in New Bern.

Following Meeting: Tuesday, October 10

By: Dottie Karika, Sec'y. [dotjimk@att.net]

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PENNSYLVANIA
Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

Thursday, August 17th, was a nice sunny day here in Northeast Pennsylvania. Humidity was not too high, so it made for a very enjoyable day. Seven of us met at the Boathouse in Hawley for a very enjoyable lunch. We were privileged to have Charlie Teufert & Lee, and Dan Knowles with us.

Conversation was very spirited with Dan informing us what is going on within the Company and the Club He also discussed the Club's 50th Anniversary party being planned for October 23rd, in the Cradle of Aviation Museum (Uniondale, Long Island). Charlie Teufert and Lee informed us of what they have been up to since we last saw them. We also had a very interesting discussion about our heritage and how we can go about tracing our family trees. This was a luncheon where a wide range of topics were discussed

Sparky told of his son's retirement ceremony from the Navy after 23years, 1 month, and 19 days. The ceremony was held in the Base Chapel at Kings Bay, Georgia. It was a very impressive ceremony. Because John knew it was probably going to be a hot, humid day in Kings Bay, he requested that it be a relaxing ceremony with duty uniforms being worn instead of the full-dress whites. John was right. After he was piped ashore, a reception was held at the Chief's Goat Locker near the Chapel. He has a job and he will be doing the same thing he did in the Navy, except for a civilian contractor at the shipyard near Norfolk.

Birthdays for July: Jane Belding, Charles Dowd, Ed Hurst, Barbara Janis, John Robb Eileen Saggese, Richard Saint Denis and Charlie Teufert.

Birthdays for August: Judy Zupp

Anniversaries for July: Ron & Linda Algoni.

No Anniversaries for August.

50X50 - was won by Charles Teufert. (HUMM! Seems the last time Charlie was at a meeting, he won the 50X50 . . . . HUMMM!)

Next Lunch: Thursday, September 21st, at the Alpine Restaurant in Honesdale, on Route 6, at Noon.

By: Edward J. Sparkowski, Sec'y/Chaplain
[570-698-7182; firefly417@verizon.net]

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SOUTH CAROLINA
Coastal Carolinas Chapter

Next Meeting: September 6, 2017, at Noon, at the Sunny Side Up Diner, 10068 Beach Drive, Calabash, NC. [910-579-5101].

All Grumman, Northrop Grumman, and Northrop retirees in the area are welcome to join us. Guests are also welcome.

By: Kathy Fleischer, Sec'y.
[843-215-0525; kjpulcrano@yahoo.com]

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VIRGINIA
Central Virginia Chapter

We hope everyone has had a safe and happy Summer of 2017. Did you all enjoy the ECLIPSE?

I'm sure we are all looking forward to the Fall, with its cooler temperatures and opportunities to renew our friendships?

Our first meeting of the 2017-2018 season will be held on Wednesday, September 6, at 1PM. We will meet at the Barbeque Exchange Restaurant, 102 Martinsburg Ave, Gordonsville, VA 22942, [540-832-0227]. The restaurant is located on US Route 15, approx. one mile South of the traffic circle, which is 12 miles North of Exit 136 off I-64, (Route 15 North).

Note Time Change, to avoid the lunch crowd:
September 6, 2017, ***1PM***
See You There!

At our September meeting, we will discuss changing our October meeting to the 23rd, to correspond with the Bethpage celebration of the Grumman Retiree Club's 50th anniversary.

Future Meetings are scheduled to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of Each Month:

October 1, 12:30PM – Tentative: Shadwell's Restaurant [434-202-0351]. Take Exit 124 off I-64, Route 250 West (Pantops area), go approximately 1/2 mile. Shadwell's is on the left, in front of the Hilton Hotel.

November 8, 12:30PM – Tentative: The Silk Mill Restaurant, 101 Woodmark Street, Orange VA. [540–672–4010]

December 13, 12:30PM - Christmas Party: Location to be Determined

PLEASE notify Frank Purstell [434-280-1303; srpurs@gmail.com] or Fred Meiners [434-589-2882; frmeiners@embarqmail.com] one day prior to meeting if you will be attending. Thanks!

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Natale P. (Nat) Busi (1929-2017)

After his discharge from the Army, Nat pursued his passion for numbers and became a CPA, and was employed for ten years by several firms of Certified Public Accountants. He began his 30-year career at Grumman Aerospace Corporation in 1963. In 1965, he was appointed Director of Accounting. Nat completed the Program for Management Development at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business in 1969, and was named Assistant Controller of Grumman Corporation in 1973. In 1976, he was elected Controller of Grumman Corporation. Then, in 1978, he became Vice President/Controller. He retired as a Senior Vice President in 1994.

Nat took great pride in being part of the Grumman Lunar Module program, watching the LM land the first two Americans on the moon and successfully return them home.

Howard Dunn (1931-2017)

Howard had a career in accounting with Allied Maintenance Corporation and Pan America-Grace Airways before joining Grumman in 1960 as an internal auditor. He was appointed Assistant Director of the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation's Audit & Procedures Department in 1964, and Director of the Department in 1968. In 1973, he was appointed Grumman Corporation's Director of Corporate Audit. In 1979, he rose to Corporate Vice President of Audit. In 1991, the position was expanded to Vice President - Audit and Ethics.

Howard served as chairman of the Company's Business Ethics Committee and was a Trustee of the Employee Investment Plan. He retired from Northrop Grumman in 1995.

Larry Feliu (1925-2017)

After his discharge from the Army Air Corps in 1945, Larry had a distinguished career in the Aerospace industry. Prior to his employment at Grumman, he was manufacturing supervisor (1946-1965) at Republic Aviation Corporation, where he was involved in the building of the RC-3 Seabee, F-84 Thunderjet, and F-105 Thunderchief. In 1965, he joined Grumman. He worked as a Systems Engineer in Reliability and Maintainability, on the E2- Hawkeye, program until his retirement in 1990.

Since 1994, Larry volunteered his services as Manager of the Grumman History Center, in Bethpage. From 2011-2016, he served on the Board of Directors of the Grumman Retiree Club.

In Memoriam

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of these deceased members:

Bergeman, Edward. V.	**Babylon, NY**	**06/26/2017**
Busi, Natale (Nat)	**Huntington, NY/ Stuart, FL**	**07/16/2017**
Calendrille, Angela	**Bethpage, NY**	**07/02/2017**
Cardile, Gerald	**Melbourne, FL**	**07/17/2017**
Coughlin, Robert	**Queensbury, NY**	**06/29/2017**
Dunn, Howard	**Satellite Beach, FL**	**07/17/2017**
Gordon, William	**Amityville, NY**	**07/03/2017**
Kessler, Phillip, Jr.	**Augusta, WV**	**02/23/2017**
Maggiore, Michael	**Indialantic, FL**	**04/15/2017**
Massiello, Richard	**Cocoa Beach, FL**	**08/05/2017**
Mc Donald. John	**Vero Beach, FL**	**07/24/2017**
O'Leary, John	**Plainview, NY**	**03/17/2017**
Ortolani, Francis	**Smithtown, NY**	**04/16/2017**
Papa, Joseph	**Islip Terrace, NY**	**07/11/2017**
Parente, Charles	**Oyster Bay, NY**	**07/04/2017**
Sanders, Judith	**Malverne, NY**	**06/22/2017**
Schlobohm, Howard	**Bradenton, FL**	**07/24/2017**

**When reporting a death, provide the person's Name,
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OCTOBER 23, 2017
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Please reserve seats at the luncheon for these dues-paid Retiree Club members, their spouses and/or guests:

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- A minimum of ten is required to reserve a table.
- Seven days' notice is required to receive a full refund.
Appropriate attire requested
Please send one check to cover luncheon for you and your guests.

Attached please find $_____ representing $50 per person for _____people.
Ticket purchase deadline is October 6, 2017 **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

Table Captain: _____

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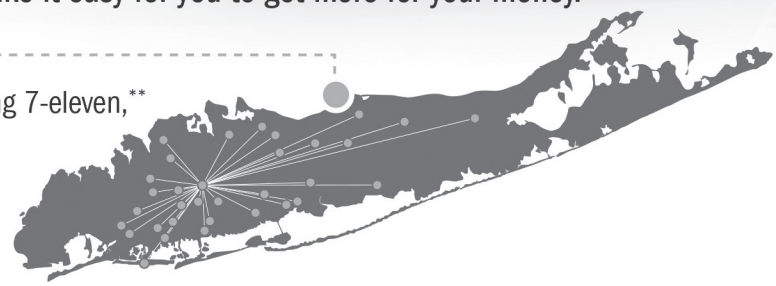

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